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Dear Interested Party:

This project announcement letter serves to initiate scoping, "an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed" (40 CFR § 1501.7). Scoping is required for all Forest Service proposed actions, including those that would appear to be categorically excluded from further analysis and documentation in an EA or an EIS (36 CFR 220.46(1)). I request your input on the Crystal Forest Mine Expansion project described below.

The Forest Service proposes to allow expanding quartz mining activities on approximately 1.5 acres of land under an existing mining lease (ARES 08092). This mining area is located in Sections 2 & 3, T3S R25W, of Montgomery County, Arkansas (see enclosed map). The purpose of this actions is to expand mining operations to quartz veins that are out of the current operating area, but still within the lease boundary.

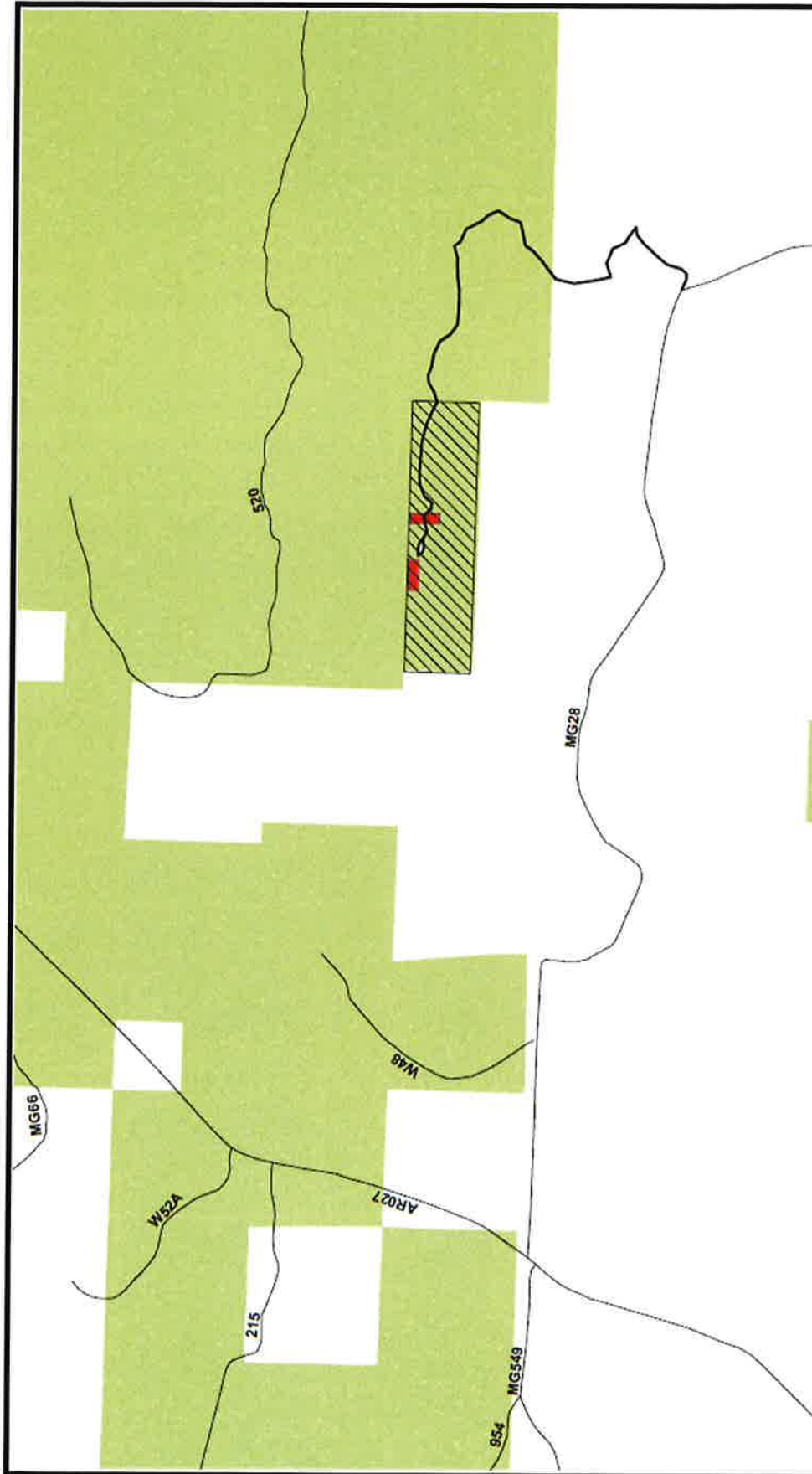
Unless scoping identifies extraordinary circumstances, this project is within a category of actions that is excluded from documentation in an EA or an EIS; only a decision will be documented. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Chip Stokes by phone at (870) 867-2101, by email at chip.stokes@usda.gov, or address written comments to the District Ranger at the address listed above. Your comments would be most helpful if received by **March 25, 2020**.

Sincerely,

SHALONDA L. GUY
District Ranger

Enclosure





Vicinity Map



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 - Waterbody

Map Creation Date - Feb. 18, 2020
Map Revision Date -

Crystal Forest Mine Pit Expansion

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